

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

HPRP Purpose: To provide temporary financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The intent is to serve persons who are homeless or would be homeless <u>but for</u> this assistance and can remain stably housed after this temporary assistance ends.

HPRP Goals:

- Prevent people living in the City of Riverside from becoming homeless.
- Divert people who are seeking shelter into other housing.
- Help people who become homeless to quickly move into permanent housing.

HPRP Target Populations:

- Individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at-risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit (prevention).
- Individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency shelter or transitional housing or on the streets) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it (rapid re-housing).

HPRP Services Available:

- <u>Flexible Financial Assistance</u> including payment of rental and utility arrears, moving costs, security
 deposits, and motel/hotel vouchers (only when rental housing has been identified but is not immediately
 available for move-in).
- <u>Temporary Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</u> to facilitate housing stability for eligible households with short-term (up to 6 months) and medium-term (up to 12 months for households with special needs only) rental subsidies.
- Housing Case Management to facilitate housing stability through transitional support including housing locater services, landlord negotiations/advocacy, development of housing self-sufficiency plans, life skills counseling, maintaining tenant/landlord relations, and supportive service linkage.

HPRP Eligibility Criteria for Individuals/Households:

- Have household income at or below 50% Area Median Income.
- Homeless or facing an immediate loss of housing and have no appropriate subsequent housing options identified.
- Lack the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing.
- Currently reside in the City of Riverside or participating in a homeless service program in Riverside and able to demonstrate a history of residency or employment in the City.
- Have a steady source of income or demonstrated ability to secure a steady source of income within a reasonable timeframe.
- Agree to participate in appropriate case management and comply with all other provisions of program participation.
- Rental assistance provided for housing within the City of Riverside only*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE HPRP HOUSING TEAM 211 OR 1-866-414-0870